



# OUTTRAY

SCOUTING'S OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE  
CAPE EASTERN AREA

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### Leaping Wolf Badges

Laurence Kemsley - 1st Port Alfred Pack  
Andre Nel - 1st Lorraine Pack  
Colin Fouche - 1st Cotswold Pack  
Lyall Blaauw - 1st Cotswold Pack  
Riyaadh Manlee - SOE Uitenhage Pack  
Jason Odendaal - 1st Port Alfred Pack  
Tara Hanvey - St Croix Pack  
Byron Lockett - Algoa Pack  
Peter-John Urban - Algoa Pack  
Kyle Henning - Algoa Pack  
Jarryd Mitchell - Newton Park Pack  
Rowan du Randt - 1st Lorraine Pack  
Janusz Martin Meylahn - Algoa Pack  
Gareth Eadie - St Croix Pack

### Warrants presented

Wayne Mentor - ATS West End Troop  
Preston Calvers - PS West End Pack  
Martin de Bruin - Act. Regional Comm. - Western Region  
Stanley Mtundini - Asst. Regional Comm.  
(Development) Western Region  
Veronica Davies - Asst. Area Comm. Cub Programme

## CAPE EASTERN AREA COMMISSIONERS' AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS' WORKSHOP

Over the weekend, 5/6 October, the Commissioners of this Area gathered to take part in a Work Shop conducted by National Transformation Manager, Maria van Staden. After two days of planning and discussion the following Mission Statement was formulated for the Area.

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To develop and unite the youth of the Eastern Cape by offering effective Scouting so that they can achieve their full potential as responsible citizens of our country.*

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

With every year that passes we are fast approaching a milestone in Scouting – 100 years old. Over the years Scouting has seen many changes and we have and will survive. This must go largely to the adult volunteers who put much of their time and wisdom into the well being of our youth. Today, more so than ever before, our youth are in need of guidance. With God's help and that of all our volunteers we will make a success of it. We will not fail.

This past year had a slow start on the development side due to lack of financial assistance. Despite this we have been hard at work in the training of adult leaders.

I trust that we will all look back at the good things that we achieved this past year and will go into 2003 with a lot more enthusiasm and dedication.

I sincerely thank all of you for your involvement in whatever way, for a year of successes and look forward to an even better 2003. May God be with us during the whole of next year and may we have an extra better year.

May the festive season bring joy to all our Scouting families and the New Year bring the necessary vigour to all of us to pull out all the stops for the benefit of our youth in the Eastern Cape Province.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

**Ernie Pike**  
Area Commissioner



*Preston Calvers signing his warrant.*

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

February 1/2	Area Scout Council / Area Sub-committee Meetings
February 21	BP Camp (C) BP Dinner (SE) District Watersports (W)
February 22	BP Camp (C) BP Day (E) BP Dinner (W)
Feb 28 - 2 March	Cub/Scout Warrant Course (C)
March 7	Uitenhage Gala Skills Course (E) Skills Course (EGK)
March 8/9	Cub/Scout Woodbadge (Area)
March 13	Cub Funday (EGK)

March 14/16	Introduction to Adult Leadership Course (E) & (SE) & (C)
March 14/15	100 k Hike (W)
March 21/23	PLTC (C) Team Scream (Cape Town) !AL (E)
March 28/30	Rover Warrant Course (C)
March 28	IAL (E) Pack Helpers Workshop (SE)
01-11 August 2004	12th World Scout Moot, Taiwan
01-10 August 2007	21st World Scout Jamboree, United Kingdom

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## SNARE HUNT

On Monday 30th September, 1st Cotswold Cubs and Scouts with girls and boys of St Croix Sea Scout Group and members of the public, searched the Aloes Nature Reserve for snares. The Cotswold boys collected 22 snares between them. The Snare Hunt was organised by the Swartkops Trust and the Metro. For those of us who appreciate wild flowers it was an unforgettable outing.



*The hunt party 'show off' the snares they had collected*



*The 1st Cotswold scouts & cubs with Akels Leslie Pike, display their snares.*

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## SKILKANA - Uitenhage 26th October

The annual Cub and Scout Skills Competition (SKILKANA) organised for the 18th time this year, went off in good weather. Thirteen cub and thirteen scout teams took part. The event was well supported by Port Elizabeth Groups. The cub teams must be commended for their knotting skills as all teams got 4 out of 4 knots correct, says John-Mark Tennant, the base leader. Packs need more practice on billy can cooking skills. One team never even got their fire lit in the time allocated.

All three top places in the cub competition went to teams from 1st Uitenhage Pack.

On the scout side - Cobra Patrol (1st place), Koedoe Patrol (2nd place), both of 1st Uitenhage Troop - 3rd place - Algoa Sea Scout patrol. Congratulations to all, particularly 1st Uitenhage Group who's teams were well prepared. Thank you to Uitenhage scouting for an event well organised.

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## JOTA for CUBS

A rather blustery day dawned, but as usual cubs, being cubs were not put off. We met at Andrew Rabie School, set up bases under the trees.

Invisible Ink messages, Jam Tin telephones learning the Deaf Alphabet and Semaphore and how to do Codes were the order of the day. Much fun was had by the cubs doing stalking, and climbing on the obstacle course. Thank you to Alan and Carol Wheeler for stepping in and taking the cubs on a tour of the JOTA field. The workings of the Radio Hams were also a great attraction.

Although a bit chaotic in the end, the cubs thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Once again, a very big thank you to all the Pack Scouter's running all the interesting & informative bases. The cubs enjoyed them all and should have completed the requirements for the Secret Codes Badge and Codes & Signalling Badge.

Thank You to the Scouts for inviting us to share in their JOTA this year and especially for building the obstacle course. It was appreciated by all.

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## INTRODUCTION COURSE AT PORT ST. JOHNS

The weekend of the 26th October saw the training team hard at work at this beautiful coastal town. Under the direction of Skhuta Mndai, Patience Vili and her team ran a very successful course. Subsequent to this course Patience has been inundated with calls from a lot more Port St. John's people who want to become involved.



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## CUB/SCOUT WOODBADGE COURSE

An Area Cub/Scout Woodbadge Course commences on the week-end 8/9 February with the second week-end tentatively booked for 12/13 April 2003. Contact Area Headquarters 041 374 4096 or AAC Adult training - Jeff Ferreira 083 780 6162 for more information.

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## IN APPRECIATION FROM THE AAC-CP

I would like to thank the Scouters who are ALWAYS on hand when needed. I am much indebted to you all and trust that we can keep the flag flying until such time that all the structures are in place. I am operating under very stressful conditions at present and need all the help I can get. Without you we would have to throw in the towel. You are a really great bunch and I really appreciate your help. The main thing is to keep the CUBS HAPPY and that is what we are doing. Thank You



## FIRST AID COMPETITION RESULTS

AMBULANCE TEAM (ALGOA - RANN PACK)	1st Place
FIRE ENGINE TEAM (ALGOA - PHAO PACK)	2nd Place
POLICE TEAM (NEWTON PARK)	3rd Place
PARAMEDIC TEAM (WALMER)	4th Place

The weather was once more with us and we were able to be outdoors for most of the time. Thank you to Walmer Scouter, Committee and helpers for providing the tuck shop and the great venue, especially as we were able to use the lovely shade under the trees for some of the bases. Well done to all the teams that took part. They all were extremely commendable. The point structure was set so that each team had a chance of doing well. Very close finish with only 3 points between the first & third place, much to the astonishment of all. It certainly shows that the first aid in this district is of a good standard and evenly matched. It was a great pity that some of the packs missed out by not being there. A competition of this nature is NOT to see who the best team is, but an opportunity for ALL to learn more about First Aid, no matter whether they are a Cheetah or a Lion. The team who had the least points did definitely NOT come last. They were made up of a team consisting of fairly newly invested cubs from 2 packs and did extremely well despite their limited knowledge.

Base 1	General Knowledge	Newton Park
Base 2	Artificial Respiration	Phoa Pack (Algoa Girls)
Base 3	Drowning & Recovery Position	Rann Pack (Algoa Boys)
Base 4	Emergency Kit	Newton Park/ Traffic Cops
Base 5	Accident Scene	Rann Pack (Algoa Boys)
Base 6	Minor Burns,Thorns & Stings	Phao Pack (Algoa Girls) /Newton Park/Traffic Cops
Base 7	Healthy Eating, Smoking & Alcohol	Phao Pack (Algoa)
Base 8	CAMPFIRE PATCHES	EVERYONE was a work of art, thanks to Kathy

### WELL DONE ALL!

A BIG BIG thank you to all who took part, as well as all the Pack Scouters & helpers who made the day so successful. Once again, thank you Walmer for your hospitality.

## FIRST AID COURSE FOR SCOUTERS

A First Aid Course is being offered to all Scouters by Dawn Miller of St John's in the New Year. A minimum of 10 person is required to make the course viable. Contact Veronica on 360 7914, to book your place.

### OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

You can now download a copy of the Outtray, in colour, over the Internet. Current and past issues are available at:

<http://come.to/mlitho>

You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat Reader - this can be downloaded over the Internet as well, just follow the links.

## JOTA/JOTI WEEKEND

1st Port Alfred Sea Scout Group were instrumentals in getting the town Emergency Services to look at their preparedness over the JOTA/JOTI weekend, 19/20 October. The Cubs & Scouts went into camp on Friday afternoon and battled the strong winds in the Eastern Cape. First thing Saturday morning local Radio Hams were set up at camp with contacts being made with other JOTA stations. The SA Police and NSRI and 43 Air School personnel visited camp and demonstrated the repair and use of their communication equipment. Highlight of the day! East Beach - 14h30. The mock exercise was to be a small civil emergency on the school sport field, but turned into a GIANT, involving NSRI, SA Police, Ambulance Services, Fire Department, Traffic Department, a Construction Firm and their equipment, Tow Trucks, PA Hospital staff and the local newspaper. In the planning of the exercise, it was discovered that there was no co-ordinated emergency plan for a disaster in the area, so the scouts "plan" was proposed. This was a shipwreck on Fountain Rocks near the mouth of the Kowie River. Reported in the newspaper - "Port Alfred Sea Scouts have done the town a service, highlighting the lack of preparedness for any type of a major disaster and in preparing the nucleus of a plan which may be built on by the authorities for everyone's protection".



Pack Leader Dot Fetherstonhaugh reports that with "Haggis", the Group Scouter and "Bundle" Dave Roll the ATS, kept the Cubs and Scouts so busy with activities including Internet chats that the cub moms, doing the catering, were rushed off their feet. One mom appeared to do nothing else but peel carrots - she was promptly dubbed "Mrs Carrots". Thank you to everyone involved in a great occasion, even Ernie Pike our Area Commissioner who spent the weekend with us..



1st Port Alfred Sea Scout Group visit 43 Air School

## SOIL SEETHES WITH LIFE!

Even one-teaspoon of soil is alive with bacteria and other micro-organisms. At the University of Wisconsin they studied one teaspoonful of soil and found it contained:

Bacteria .....	1,000,000,000
Actinomycetes ...	20,000,000
Fungi .....	1,000,000
Protozoa .....	1,000,000
Algae .....	100,000
Yeasts .....	1,000

## HOW TO HEAL A DONGA

### Patrol Demonstration:

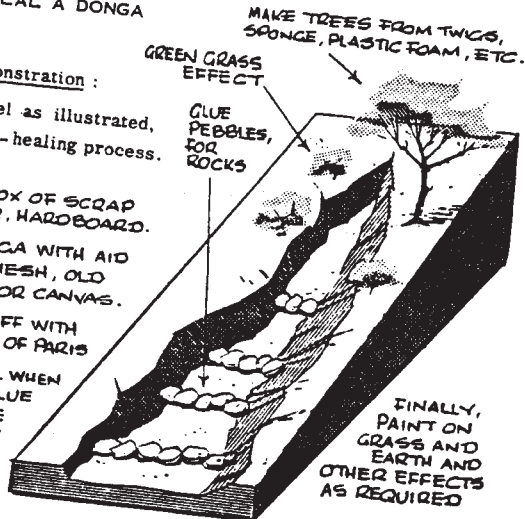
Make a model as illustrated, of the donga-healing process.

MAKE BOX OF SCRAP TIMBER, HARDBOARD.

FORM DONGA WITH AID OF WIRE MESH, OLD HESSIAN OR CANVAS.

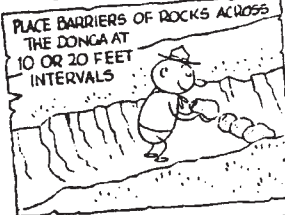
FINISH OFF WITH PLASTER OF PARIS

APPLY PRIMER. WHEN DRY, APPLY GLUE AND SPRINKLE ON FINE SAND FOR EARTHY EFFECT, IN DONGA



## HOW SCOUTS CAN HEAL A DONGA

PLACE BARRIERS OF ROCKS ACROSS THE DONGA AT 10 OR 20 FEET INTERVALS



AS RUSHING RAINWATER SILTS UP THE SAND, RAISE THE BARRIER WITH MORE ROCKS



WHILE THE SILT IS DAMP... TRAMPLE CUT GRASS OR HAY INTO IT. THIS INTRODUCES ORGANIC MATERIAL - HELPS BIND YOUR "NEW" SOIL.



WHEN YOU'RE HIKING, AND SEE A DONGA, STOP A MOMENT AND BUILD A SIMPLE ROCK BARRIER! THIS WAY, SCOUTS CAN DO THOUSANDS OF GOOD TURNS FOR THE VELD, EVERY YEAR.

## Outdoor Code

I will treat the outdoor — our veld, rivers and mountains — as a heritage to be cherished and protected; and to be enriched for our own greater enjoyment and for future generations

I will learn to understand Nature and her ways

I will learn how to practice conservation of soil, water, forests, grasslands and wildlife, and urge others to do the same

I will treat public and private land with respect, remembering that the use of the outdoors is a privilege

I will prevent fires and build my own fire in a safe place, and be sure it is out before I depart

I will keep my litter and garbage out of South African waters, fields, woods, veld and roadways

Whenever I take from Nature for my own use, I will endeavour to return a share of her bounty



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